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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
(Attorney Docket No. 00-388-A)

In re the Application of:

Nolan, et al.

Application No.: 09/851,743

Filing Date: May 9, 2001

For: Methods for Testing Compounds  
Useful In Treating Diabetic  
Complications

Examiner: S.J. Sharareh

Group Art Unit: 1617

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

Dear Sir:

In regard to the above identified application,

1. We are transmitting herewith the attached:
  - a) Response to Office Action mailed October 7, 2005; and
  - b) Return Receipt Postcard.
2. With respect to fees:
  - a) No fee is due at this time.
  - b) Please charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 13-2490.
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Date: January 9, 2006

Respectfully submitted,

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**  
**MAILED OCTOBER 7, 2005**

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Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action, mailed October 7, 2005, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the pending claims in light of the following remarks and amendments. Amendments begin on page 2 of this response. Remarks begin on page 5 of this response.

**Status of the Claims in this Application**

Claims 1-4, 6-7, 13-16, 18-19, 25-26, 28-31 and 33-35 are pending in the application. Claims 1 and 13 have been amended. The amendments are supported throughout the specification and claims as originally filed, and thus do not constitute new matter. The grounds of rejection asserted in the Official Action have been overcome by amendment or traversed by argument below.